

# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION UNIT

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CERTIFICATE

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*The Speech-Language Pathologist certificate is required for school-based speech-language pathologists.*

- **All requirements for the Speech-Language Pathologist certificate must be met.** The certificate is valid for six years and may be renewed with the completion of 60 clock hours of relevant professional development in the field of speech pathology, or professional development in the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, low incidence disabilities, curriculum and instruction, professional issues and ethics, or service delivery models. **Fees are not refundable.**
1. A Master's or more advanced degree, from an accredited institution, in Speech Pathology or Communication Disorders.
  2. A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech-language pathologist with a certificate of clinical competence.
  3. **ONLY ONE** of the following:
    - A. A certificate of clinical competence.  
- OR -
    - B. A passing score on the Education Testing Service National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology.  
- OR -
    - C. A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
  4. A valid fingerprint clearance card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

\*PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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